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1. SUMMARY: NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S AFRICAN
TRIP AND RELATED EVENTS, FEBRUARY 10. END SUMMARY.

2. NEW YORK TIMES FEB. 10 PAGE THREE STORY BY JOHN DARNTON
HEADLINED "DIFFERENT STYLE PAYS OFF FOR YOUNG IN AFRICA".
TEXT FOLLOWS: "LAGOS, NIGERIA, FEB. 9 -- WITH THE EASE OF
A GEORGIA POLITICIAN ON THE HUSTINGS, AN INSTINCT FOR THE
RIGHT GESTURE AND AN OUTSPOKENNESS THAT SOMETIMES GETS HIM
INTO TROUBLE, ANDREW YOUNG IS SLOWLY FEELING HIS WAY
THROUGH AFRICAN DIPLOMACY. SO FAR, THE WEEK-OLD TRIP TO
AFRICA BY THE NEW CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES
TO THE UNITED NATIONS HAS NOT YIELDED A DIPLOMATIC
BREAKTHROUGH ON THE CONFLICTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. BUT
IS HAS REAPED A GOOD DEAL OF GOOD WILL -- ESPECIALLY
HERE IN NIGERIA, WHERE THE UNITED STATES HAD COME
TO BE REGARDED AS A VILLAIN NOT TOO FAR ABOVE SOUTH
AFRICA. AT A STATE DINNER LAST NIGHT IN THE NORTHERN
CITY OF KADUNA, LIEUT. GEN. OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, THE
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NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE WHO REFUSED THREE TIMES TO MEET
WITH HENRY KISSINGER, PROMISED MR. YOUNG 'SUPPORT IN
HIS GREAT AND IMPORTANT TASK OF BRIDGING THE WIDE GULF
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND AFRICA.' AND THE NIGERIAN
NEWSPAPERS WERE GLOWING THIS MORNING OVER THE FACT THAT
MR. YOUNG BOWED WHEN HE MET THE TURBANED SULTAN OF
SOKOTO, THE SPIRITUAL LEADER OF THE NORTH. THE GESTURE,

MR. YOUNG SAID LATER, WAS SIMPLY GOOD BREEDING. THEN HE ADDED A POLITICAL AFTERTHOUGHT: 'I HAD SEEN THE POWER OF THE SULTAN AS A MOSLEM AUTHORITY FOR 50 MILLION PEOPLE, AND AS A GOOD POLITICIAN, ANYBODY WHO LEADS 50 MILLION PEOPLE YOU OWE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DEFERENCE.' AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF GENERAL OBASANJO, MR. YOUNG MET WITH PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO OF ANGOLA. FOR A DIPLOMAT OF THE OLD SCHOOL IT WOULD HAVE BEEN RASH TO CONFER WITH THE HEAD OF A GOVERNMENT WHOSE LEGITIMACY THE UNITED STATES DID NOT RECOGNIZE. 'IT WOULD HAVE BEEN RATHER INSULTING TO THE NIGERIANS TO SNUB ONE OF THEIR FRIENDS,' MR. YOUNG EXPLAINED. 'I SAID FROM THE VERY BEGINNING I WAS NOT SPEAKING OFFICIALLY IN ANY WAY.' HE LISTENED FOR AN HOUR AS PRESIDENT NETO REPEATEDLY BROACHED THE SUBJECT OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS. 'HE SAID THE RUSSIANS WERE FRIENDS,' MR. YOUNG SAID, 'ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY THINGS THEY DISAGREE OVER, AND HE DIDN'T SEE WHY WE COULDN'T BE FRIENDS ALTHOUGH THERE ARE THINGS WE DISAGREE OVER.' MR. YOUNG SAID HE GAVE PRESIDENT NETO A NONCOMMITTAL REPLY, AND THEN FELL INTO A DISAGREEMENT OVER THE QUESTION OF WHETHER ARMED STRUGGLE WAS THE ONLY SOLUTION TO RHODESIA'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE MAJORITY RULE. 'HE'S THE FIRST ONE I'VE OPENLY DISAGREED WITH,' HE SAID. REPORTERS WHO HAVE ACCOMPANIED MR. YOUNG FEEL THAT HE WAS UNSURE OF HIMSELF AT THE OUTSET. AFTER SEPARATE SESSIONS WITH PRESIDENT JULIUS K. NYERERE OF TANZANIA, AND PRESIDENT KENNETH D. KAUNDA OF ZAMBIA, HE MADE SEEMINGLY CONFLICTING STATEMENTS ON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPER ROLE OF THE BRITISH IN THE RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS AND WHETHER IT WAS ADVISABLE TO DEAL WITH PRIME MINISTER IAN D. SMITH OF RHODESIA. BUT HIS CONFIDENCE HAS GROWN AS THE TRIP HAS PROGRESSED. IT IS ESPECIALLY NOTICEABLE IN NIGERIA, A COUNTRY HE HAS VISITED SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE. TODAY, HE VISITED AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS HERE FOR THE SECOND WORLD BLACK AND AFRICAN FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND CULTURE IN THEIR HOUSING VILLAGE. 'WHERE ARE ALL THE FOLK?' HE SAID, EXTENDING HIS HAND TO THE FIRST PERSON HE SAW AS CASUALLY AS A SOUTHERN POLITICIAN AT A PICNIC. A CROWD QUICKLY ASSEMBLED AND, LIKE ANY POLITICIAN, HE SPOKE TO IT. 'I'VE REALLY TALKED TO A LOT OF PEOPLE AND I'VE GOT A LOT OF INSIGHTS INTO WHAT'S GOING ON,' HE SAID. 'SO WHEN WE GET BACK, YOU HAVE TO HELP ME DELIVER.' THERE WERE SHOUTS OF 'RIGHT ON.' IN PART, HIS OBVIOUS SUCCESS HERE SO FAR CAN BE EXPLAINED BY HIS RESPECT FOR NIGERIA'S MIGHT AND HIS SEEING A ROLE BY LAGOS AS CRITICAL TO ANY SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. 'THEY

KNOW I RESPECT THEM AND I COME AS A FRIEND AND AN EQUAL,'
HE SAID. 'THE PROBLEM IS NIGERIA IS ARROGANT AND
KISSINGER IS ARROGANT AND SO THERE WAS A CLASH. I MAY
BE JUST AS ARROGANT BUT I CONTROL IT BETTER.'"

3. NEW YORK TIMES FEB. 10 PICKED UP LAST QUOTE OF THE
DARNTON STORY AS ITS "QUOTATION OF THE DAY" ON THE
FIRST PAGE OF THE SECOND SECTION.

4. WASHINGTON POST FEB. 10 PAGE 20 STORY BY JONATHAN
RANDAL HEADLINED "YOUNG MEETS WITH ANGOLAN LEADER,
SCORES HIT IN NIGERIA". TEXT FOLLOWS: LAGOS, NIGERIA,
FEB. 9 -- U.S. AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG AND
ANGOLAN PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO MET FOR MORE THAN AN
HOUR YESTERDAY IN THE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL CONTACT BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES, WHICH HAVE NO DIPLOMATIC TIES.
YOUNG, THE NEWLY NAMED U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED
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NATIONS AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S AFRICAN TROUBLESHOOTER,
SAID HE HAD BROUGHT NO MESSAGE TO NETO FROM WASHINGTON.

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NOR, HE SAID, DID HE HAVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO
MEET WITH THE ANGOLAN LEADER, WHOSE FACTION THE UNITED

STATES BITTERLY OPPOSED IN THAT COUNTRY'S CIVIL WAR. BRIG. JOSEPH GABRA, NIGERIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER, HAD SUGGESTED YESTERDAY THAT YOUNG MEET NETO, ONE OF SEVERAL BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS ATTENDING A SHOW OF HORSEMEN IN KADUNA. "IF I HAD NOT MET NETO, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN INSULTING TO NIGERIA TO SNUB ONE OF THEIR FREIENDS," YOUNG SAID LATER. NETO INVITED HIM TO MAKE A FORMAL VISIT TO LUANDA, THE ANGOLAN CAPITAL, YOUNG REPORTED. IT HAD BEEN EXPECTED THAT YOUNG AND NETO MIGHT MEET LAST WEEK IN ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA, WHERE SEVERAL BLACK AFRICAN PRESIDENTS WERE EXPECTED FOR AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. BUT NETO DID NOT ATTEND. (STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES SAID THE MEETING BETWEEN YOUNG AND NETO WAS "NO SURPRISE" SINCE YOUNG HAD INTENDED TO ASSOCIATE WITH AS MANY LEADERS AS POSSIBLE ON HIS TRIP. THEY SAID THEY ATTACHED NO SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE MEETING.) THE CONVERSATION IN NETO'S HOTEL ROOM APPARENTLY DID LITTLE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF U.S. REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE NETO'S GOVERNMENT, WHOSE CLOSE TIES TO THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA INCURRED UNCLASSIFIED

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THE WRATH OF THE FORD ADMINISTRATION AND ESPECIALLY FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER. YOUNG SAID HE TOLD NETO HE DISAGREED WITH NETO'S POSITION THAT ONLY ARMED STRUGGLE WOULD LIBERATE RHODESIA. YOUNG SAID THE AFRICAN NATIONALISTS' "NEGOTIATING POSITION WAS STRONGER THAN THEIR MILITARY POSITION," IN THE ONLY ALLUSION TO THE CONTROVERSIAL ROLE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA, YOUNG SAID, NETO TOLD HIM THAT ANGOLA AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE "FRIENDS" ALTHOUGH THERE WERE MANY THINGS THEY DISAGREED ON AND THE UNITED STATES "SHOULDN'T TELL HIM WHAT TO DO OR WHO HIS FRIENDS SHOULD BE." BESIDES HIS DIPLOMATIC ICE-BREAKING WITH ANGOLA, YOUNG HAS CLEARLY MADE A HIT WITH NIGERIA'S MILITARY GOVERNMENT, WHICH SNUBBED KISSINGER BY REFUSING TO INVITE HIM HERE. ALTHOUGH FORMAL TALKS WITH LT. GEN. OLUSEGUN OBASANJO, NIGERIA'S HEAD OF STAE, DO NOT BEGIN UNTIL THURSDAY, YOUNG HAS ALREADY DRAWN WIDE PRAISE HERE. AFTER YOUNG MET WITH NETO, OBASANJO, IN A TOAST, ASSURED HIM OF NIGERIA'S "SUPPORT IN HIS GREAT AND IMPORTANT TASK OF BRIDGING THE WIDE GULF BETWEEN THE U.S. AND AFRICA." YOUNG NOTED THAT FROM HIS TRIPS HERE AS A CONGRESSMAN, "THE NIGERIANS KNOW I RESPECT THEM AND COME AS A FRIEND AND EQUAL." NIGERIA, HE SAID, "DID NOT WANT KISSINGER TO COME AND PLAY GOD IN AFRICAN POLITICS. I TOLD STATE WE SHOULD NOT BYPASS NIGERIA AS THEY HAVE THE POWER TO DISRUPT IN ADVANCE ANYTHING WE DO." THE PROBLEM IN

THE PAST, YOUNG SAID, WAS THAT "NIGERIA IS ARROGANT AND KISSINGER IS ARROGANT AND THERE WAS A CLASH. I MAY BE JUST AS ARROGANT BUT I MAY CONTROL IT BETTER."

5. NEW YORK TIMES FEB. 10 COLUMN BY WILLIAM SAFIRE
ATTACKS ATHERTON FOR ALLEGEDLY MANIPULATING CARTER
TO REASSESS THE FORD ADMINISTRATION COMMITMENT TO
SELL ISRAEL THE CONCUSSION BOMBS, CHARGES SECRETARY
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VANCE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN HIS DEPARTMENT
AND SAYS, "IN ANOTHER AREA, HE IS BEING MADE A
LAUGHING STOCK BY A U.N. AMBASSADOR WHO HAS HIS OWN
FOREIGN POLICY."

6. NEW YORK DAILY NEWS FEB. 10 COMMENTARY BY PATRICK
J. BUCHANAN HEADLINED "INNOCENT UNTIL PROVED WORLDLY."
TEXT FOLLOWS: "WASHINGTON -- THREE WEEKS INTO THE
ADMINISTRATION, AND THE CHOICE OF REP. ANDREW YOUNG AS
UN AMBASSADOR IS SHAPING UP AS A DREADFUL MISTAKE.
THRICE IN HIS FIRST 10 DAYS, MR. YOUNG WAS CALLED ON
THE CARPET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THE FIRST
OCCASION CAME WHEN YOUNG PREDICTED THE U.S. WOULD
SUPPORT HANOI'S ENTRY INTO THE U.N. THE SECOND,
WHEN MR. YOUNG CONFIDENTLY ASSERTED THAT WHITE RHODESIA
WOULD BE FORCED TO NEGOTIATE WITH ITS BLACK MAJORITY,
IF ONLY SOUTH AFRICA PASSED THE WORD. LAST WEEK,
THE DEPARTMENT CONTRADICTED AND REPUDIATED
YOUNG'S REMARKABLE ASSERTION THAT CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA
WERE BENEFICIAL IN A WAY, SINCE THEY BRING "A CERTAIN
STABILITY AND ORDER" TO THE REGION. MR. YOUNG'S
SUGGESTION THAT IT WOULD BE EASY TO NEGOTIATE THE
REMOVAL OF CASTRO'S FOREIGN LEGION CAME IN A BRIEF
INTERVIEW WITH DAN RATHER THAT BETRAYED AN ALMOST
CHILD-INNOCENCE OF THE REAL WORLD. HERewith AN EXCERPT:
"I SHARE THE KIND OF TOTAL ABHORRENCE TO RACISM WHICH
I THINK IS CHARACTERISTIC OF TWO THIRDS OF THE WORLD.
MOST COLORED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD ARE NOT AFRAID OF
COMMUNISM. MAYBE THAT'S WRONG, BUT COMMUNISM HAS
NEVER BEEN A THREAT TO ME ... IT'S NEVER BEEN A THREAT.

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RACISM HAS ALWAYS BEEN A THREAT -- AND THAT HAS BEEN THE ENEMY OF ALL MY LIFE -- EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT LIFE." COMING FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NAACP SUCH A STATEMENT, THOUGH FATUOUS, MIGHT BE HARMLESS. BUT IT COMES FROM THE MAN CHARGE WITH ARTICULATING AND DEVENDING, ON THE WORLD STAGE, THE DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES. THE INNOCENCE OF ANDY YOUNG STEMS FROM A LIFETIME OF STRUGGLE IN A ROMANTICIZED CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, WHERE ANDY WAS ALWAYS VICTORIOUS, ALWAYS THE MORAL HERO, CONFRONTING MEDIA VILLAINS LIKE ROSS BARNETT AND BULL CONNOR. WITH FEDERAL TROOPS, FEDERAL COURTS AND NATIONAL PRESS ARRAYED AGAINST THEM, THE OLD SEGREGATIONIST NEVER STOOD A CHANCE. BUT NOW ANDY IS IN THE BIG LEAGUES. THE CUBANS, THE SOVIETS, THE MARXIST GUERRILLAS FROM MOZAMBIQUE ARE NOT OUT TO INTEGRATE LUNCH COUNTERS AT THE FIVE-AND-DIME. THEY WANT THE WHITES DRIVEN FROM AFRICA, AND CONTROL OF THE STRATEGIC MINERAL WEALTH AND VITAL SEA LANES THROUGH WHICH MOST OF THE WEST'S VITAL OIL MUST PASS. AS THIS WEEK'S MASSACRE OF NUNS AND PRIESTS IN RHODESIA DEMONSTRATED, THE WEAPONS THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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FAVOR ARE NOT FIRE HOSES AND CATTLE PRODS, BUT ATROCITY AND TERROR. ANDREW YOUNG IS A "STROLLING PLAYER FROM THE THEATER OF THE ABSURED," SAID THE RHODESIA HERALD. HE MAY FIND THAT HIS ATTEMPTS TO BUTTER UP NYERERE AND CO. AND HIS ANTI-WHITE PARTY PIECES MAY NOT HAVE QUITE THE EFFECT HE INTENDED. IT IS GUNS, NOT BUTTER, THAT IMPRESS THESE BLACK DESPOTS* YES INDEED, THE EDUCATION OF ANDY YOUNG HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN.

7. THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR FEB. 10 JUNE
GOODWIN STORY FROM JOHANNESBURG SAID IN PART: "AS
BLACK AFRICANS SEE IT, THE U.S. IS NOT GOING TO DO MUCH
FOR EITHER SIDE, BLACK OR WHITE, IN THE DEEPENING
CONFRONTATION. THIS IS THOUGHT TO BE ONE OF THE
REASONS WHY THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED
NATIONS, ANDREW YOUNG, WAS GIVEN ONLY A MEASURED
WELCOME IN HIS MEETINGS LAST WEEK WITH BLACK AFRICAN
LEADERS IN TANZANIA. THESE LEADERS DO NOT EXPECT THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO PUT THE PRESSURE ON SOUTH
AFRICA THAT THEY WOULD LIKE. THEY ARE AWARE, FOR
EXAMPLE, THAT MR. YOUNG'S STATEMENT (IN RESPONSE TO
A QUESTION ABOUT MARXIST GOVERNMENTS) THAT THE U.S.
WOULD TRADE WITH ANY COUNTRY CARRIED WITH IT THE IM-
PLICATION THAT THE U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO TRADE WITH
SOUTH AFRICA."

8. WASHINGTON POST FEB. 10 PAGE ONE STORY HEADLINED
"SOVIETS ACCUSED OF TRADE LINKS WITH RHODESIA." EXCERPTS
FOLLOW: "UNITED NATIONS, FEB. 9 -- THE SOVIET UNION,
THE LEADING NON-AFRICAN SUPPORTER OF GUERRILLA FORCES
SEEKING TO OVERTHROW THE WHITE-MINORITY GOVERNMENT OF
RHODESIA, HAS BEEN ASSUCED ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER EAST
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OF CONDUCTING 'REGULAR TRADE' WITH
RHODESIA IN A 'MAJOR SANCTIONS-BREAKING OPERATION.'
THE CHARGE EMERGED IN A LIMITED-DISTRIBUTION ANNUAL
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REPORT ISSUED LAST MONTH BY THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL'S
COMMITTEE TO POLICE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA
IMPOSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN 1966. THE REPORT
WAS NOT DISTRIBUTED TO THE PRESS. THE ACCUSATION,
SUBMITTED TO THE U.N. SANCTIONS COMMITTEE BY THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT IN SEPTEMBER, WAS ONE OF FOUR BRITISH
DIPLOMATIC NOTES OVER THE PAST YEAR THAT HAVE
ALLEGED SPECIFIC TRADE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN
RHODESIA AND COMPANIES CONTROLLED BY SOVIET BLOC
GOVERNMENTS. TOGETHER, THEY INDICATED A BROAD PATTERN
OF SANCTIONS-BREAKING BY THE SOVIET BLOC. FAILURE OF
THE U.N. SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA OVER THE LAST
DECADE HAS BEEN GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED BUT PREVIOUSLY
MOST SANCTION-BREAKING HAD BEEN LAID TO WESTERN
NATIONS. THE SOVIET UNION HAS CRITICIZED THE UNITED
STATES FREQUENTLY FOR OPENLY IMPORTING RHODESIAN
CHROME, DESPITE THE U.N. BAN, AS A RESULT OF CONGRESS'
PASSAGE IN 1971 OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT. THE
UNITED NATIONS HAS OFTEN CRITICIZED THE WEST FOR TRADING
WITH RHODESIA BUT THE DOCUMENTED BRITISH ACCUSATIONS
REPRESENT THE FIRST HARD EVIDENCE OF SOVIET AND EAST

EUROPEAN TRADE WITH RHODESIA. THE SOVIET UNION AND ROMANIA, BOTH MEMBERS OF THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE, HAVE DENIED THE ALLEGATIONS WHILE THE OTHER EAST EUROPEAN NATIONS NAMED -- EAST GERMANY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND BULGARIA -- HAVE NOT REPLIED. ALTHOUGH THE FORMAL BRITISH NOTES DO NOT EXPLICITLY ACCUSE THESE NATIONS OF KNOWINGLY TRADING WITH RHODESIA, ONE DIPLOMAT ON THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE SAID, 'IF THEY DIDN'T KNOW, IT WAS BECAUSE THEY HADN'T ASKED THE QUESTIONS THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT ANSWERED.' THE MAJOR BRITISH ALLEGATION INVOLVING THE SOVIET UNION WAS LINKED TO A RHODESIAN TRADING AGENCY, MICHELLE ENTERPRISES, LTD., WHICH ALLEGEDLY EXPORTED 'TOBACCO AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES FROM RHODESIA AND, IN TURN, IMPORTED CHEMICALS, METALS AND AGRICULTURAL REQUIREMENTS FROM

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EASTERN EUROPE,' ACCORDING TO THE U.N. REPORT.

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THE AMOUNTS INVOLVED AND THE NATURE OF THE SOVIET CHEMICALS AND METALS ALLEGEDLY TRADED TO RHODESIA WERE NOT SPECIFIC, EXCEPT FOR A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE TRADE AS 'MAJOR' RHODESIA'S HIGH-QUALITY TOBACCO HAS CONTINUED TO REACH WORLD MARKETS AND HAS BEEN A MAJOR

FACTOR IN MAINTAINING THE RHODESIAN ECONOMY, DESPITE SANCTIONS. THE NETWORK USED TO EXPORT THE TOBACCO HAS NEVER BEEN EXPOSED, HOWEVER. IT IS APPARENT FROM THE QUIET WAY THAT THE SANCTIONS THAT IT DID NOT WANT TO EMBARRASS THE SOVIET UNION. THE TRADE BETWEEN RHODESIA AND THE SOVIET BLOC CAME TO GENERAL PUBLIC ATTENTION AS A RESULT OF INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING BY ERIC MALLING OF THE CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION'S PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM, 'THE FIFTH ESTATE' TELEVISED YESTERDAY IN CANADA.

9. CBS TV EVENING NEWS ON FEB. 4 BROADCAST THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE BETWEEN WALTER CRONKITE AND MARVIN KALB: "CRONKITE: U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS ANDREW YOUNG IS IN ZANZIBAR FOR WEEKEND MEETINGS WITH BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS. HE SAID THAT IN ANY TALKS ON BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, RHODESIA'S SMITH MUST BE DEALT WITH BECAUSE, IN YOUNG'S WORDS, YOU CAN'T AVOID THE GUY WHO'S GOT THE TROOPS. MARVIN KALB UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTS THAT IN THE SHORT TIME YOUNG'S BEEN UN AMBASSADOR, HE'S CREATED SOME DISMAY AND DISAPPOINTMENT AMONG STATE DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONALS.

KALB: ANDREW YOUNG IS A PREACHER AND A POLITICIAN WHO HAS NOW BECOME A UN DIPLOMAT, BUT HE HAS CLEARLY NOT YET MASTERED THE LANGUAGE OF DIPLOMACY. FOR EXAMPLE, HE RECENTLY COMMENTED IN A POSITIVE WAY ABOUT CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA.

YOUNG: THERE'S A SENSE IN WHICH THE CUBANS WERE IN A CERTAIN STABILITY AND ORDER, IN ANGOLA, FOR INSTANCE, AND THAT THE ENEMY ALL OVER THE WORLD, I THINK, IS CHAOS.

KALB: THE STATE DEPARTMENT THEN SQUIRMED FOR TWO DAYS UNTIL SECRETARY VANCE WAS FORCED TO SAY THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT AGREE WITH ITS UN AMBASSADOR ABOUT THE CUBANS. ON A RELATED SUBJECT, YOUNG SAID HE COULD ALMOST GUARANTEE THE REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT ALLOWING THE U.S. TO IMPORT RHODESIAN CHROME WITHIN TWO MONTHS. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WINCED, BECAUSE THEY THINK YOUNG IS NOT ONLY WRONG IN HIS PROJECTION, BUT IS EXCITING HOPES IN AFRICA THAT MAY WELL BE DISAPPOINTED. STILL, NO ONE HERE BELIEVES THAT YOUNG'S DAYS AS A DIPLOMAT ARE NUMBERED. THERE IS ONE SIMPLE REASON: --YOUNG IS THE PRESIDENT'S MAN, A FREE SPIRIT WITH A SOLID POLITICAL BASE IN GEORGIA WHO MAY NEVER GET BLOCKED INTO A PIN-STRIPE SUIT.

10. CBS TV MORNING NEWS ON FEB. 7 BROADCAST THE FOLLOWING COMMENTARY ON THE BYRD AMENDMENT BY BRUCE MORTON: "UNITED NATIONS AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG IS IN AFRICA TALKING WITH BLACK LEADERS, AND ESPECIALLY WITH THE

FRONG-LINE PRESIDENTS, I.E., THE LEADERS OF THE COUNTRIES CLOSET TO THE WHITE-RULED COUNTRY OF RHODESIA--BOTSWANA, TANZANIA, ZAMBIA, AND MOZAMBIQUE. OVER THE WEEKEND, YOUNG MET WITH PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE OF TANZANIA AND WAS TOLD A COUPLE OF INTERESTING THINGS.
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FIRST, THAT NYERERE AND THE OTHER FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS DON'T WANT THE UNITED STATES TO TRY TO TAKE THE LEAD IN GETTING TALKS WITH RHODESIA'S IAN SMITH KKKKK STARTED AGAIN. NYERERE TOLD YOUNG TO LET THE BRITISH DO THAT, WHICH MAY REFLECT SOME DISILLUSIONMENT AFTER HENRY KISSINGER'S JET-SPEED FORAY INTO SOUTHER AFRICA LAST YEAR, OR SOME DISILLUSIONMENT IN AMERICAN DIPLOMACY IN GENERAL. WHAT THE AFRICANS DO WANT, NYERERE TOLD YOUNG, IS FOR THE UNITED STATES TO PUT ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON RHODESIA, TO HONOR THE UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA, TO STOP, IN OTHER WORDS, BUYING RHODESIAN CHROME. THAT SOUNDS EASY, BUT IT ISN'T. THE U.S. BUYS RHODESIAN CHROME BECAUSE OF WHAT'S CALLED THE BYRD AMENDMENT, A LOOPHOLE IN THOSE UN SANCTIONS OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY THE CONGRESS. IT'S NAMED AFTER HARRY BYRD, JR., THE INDEPENDENT SENATOR FROM VIRGINIA WHO HAS LED THE SUCCESSFUL FIGHT TO GET IT THROUGH THE SENATE. BYRD'S ARGUMENT IS THE PAST HAS BEEN BASICALLY A COLD WAR ONE--THE UNITED STATES IS GOING TO IMPORT CHROME, HE ARGUES, AND IF WE DON'T BUY IT FROM RHODESIA, WE WILL HAVE TO BUY IT FROM RUSSIA, AND WE SHOULDN'T DEPEND ON A POTENTIAL ADVERSARY FOR SUCH AN IMPORTANT PRODUCT. THAT ARGUMENT HAS SUCCEEDED IN THE PAST DESPITE OBJECTIONS FROM SENATE LIBERALS, AND THERE IS NO PARTICULAR REASON TO THINK IT CAN'T SUCCEED AGAIN. AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS SAID HE'S ALMOST CERTAIN THE BYRD AMENDMENT CAN BE REPEALED. BUT IN FACT, THE EFFORT TO REPEAL IT MAY LAND THE PRESIDENT IN ANOTHER FIGHT WITH CONGRESS, AND HE SEEMS--WITNESS THE DEBATE OVER GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND/OR HIS ECONOMIC PACKAGE--TO HAVE A FEW OF THOSE FIGHTS ON HIS HANDS ALREADY". CBS RADIO CARRIED THE FOLLOWING REPORT FROM ROBIN WRIGHT ON FEB. 7 FROM NAIROBI: DALLAS KKKKK TOWNSEND: "THIS COUNTRY'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS ANDREW YOUNG LEAVES KENYA TODAY FOR NIGERIA ON THE LAST LEG OF HIS TEN-DAY
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TOUR OF AFRICA. ROBIN WRIGHT REPORTS FROM NAIROBI."

WRIGHT: "YOUNG HAS SPENT THE PAST FIVE DAYS CONFERRING WITH AFRICAN LEADERS IN TANZANIA AND ON THE SCENIC EAST AFRICAN ISLAND OF ZANZIBAR. YOUNG'S FIRST DIPLOMATIC MISSION IS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING UNITED STATES- AFRICAN RELATIONS, AND FINDING OUT WHAT ROLE THE UNITED STATES SHOULD PLAY IN THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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"BUT SO FAR, YOUNG HAS NOT RECEIVED AN OVERWHELMING RECEPTION, OFTEN HAVING TO WAIT AROUND HOTELS UNTIL THE CHIEFS OF STATE FIND TIME TO SEE HIM. AND AT THE ZANZIBAR CELEBRATION THAT BROUGHT HIM TO EAST AFRICA, YOUNG HAS BEEN KEPT IN THE BACKGROUND WITH LOW-LEVEL OFFICIALS. BUT PERSONAL CONTACT WITH LEADERS LIKE ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA AND TANZANIAN PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE IS CERTAIN TO STRENGTHEN UNITED STATES RELATIONS IN AFRICA.

"BUT THE LOW-KEY RESPONSES BY AFRICAN LEADERS ON WHAT ROLE THE UNITED STATES SHOULD PLAY IN THE DISPUTES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA HAVE LEFT MANY OBSERVERS WONDERING JUST HOW ENTHUSIASTIC THEY ARE ABOUT NEW UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICAN PROBLEMS."

11. NEW YORK POST FEB. 10 CARRIES LARGE PAGE ONE AP PHOTO OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN "A FRIENDLY CHAT WITH A DANCER" AT THE NIGERIAN FESTIVAL.
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